

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC MEETING: Wednesday December 16, 2009 at the Northumberland Public Library located at 7204 Northumberland Hwy in Heathsville, VA 23473. An afternoon public meeting will be held from 12:30-2:30pm and the evening public meeting from 6-8pm.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Conservation and Recreation are announcing a study to restore water quality for an impaired creek in Northumberland County, a public comment opportunity, and two public meetings.

MEETING DESCRIPTION: First public meetings on a study to restore water quality of the recreation/swimming use of non-tidal Mill Creek and Courtney Millpond which are impaired due to bacterial violations.

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: Virginia agencies are working to identify sources of the bacterial contamination in Mill Creek. This impairment spans approximately 4 stream miles in Northumberland County. This stream is impaired for failure to meet the recreational (swimming) designated use because of bacterial water quality standard violations.

Stream	County	Impairment Length (mi)	Impairment
Mill Creek	Northumberland	3.94	Recreational (swimming) Use

The study reports the current status of the Creek via sampling performed by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the possible sources of bacterial contamination. The study recommends Total Maximum Daily Loads, or TMDLs, for the impaired Creek. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, bacterial levels have to be reduced to the TMDL amount.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ during the comment period, which will expire on January 19, 2010. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at the public meeting announced in this notice.

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